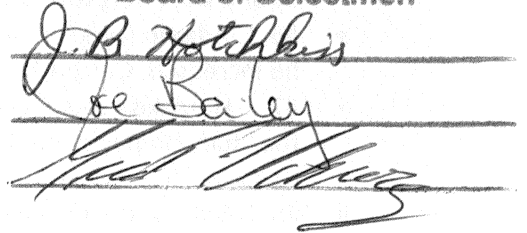


Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 11, 2015

Approved By
Board of Selectmen



Called to order at 6:30 P.M

BOS Members Present: J. Hotchkiss, J. Bailey, M. Schwarz

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Signature Action:

- J. Bailey motions to accept BOS meeting minutes form 2-2-15 as written. M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.
- Vachon Clukay engagement letters signed.
- Tax deferrals signed.
- BayRing agreement signed. Laura will look into the term of 3 years. Term should be 5 years.

Old Business

New Business

- Meet the candidates event will be held on Saturday March 7, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Laura will notify the candidates and J. Coskie.

Public Participation

J. Bailey motions to recess to relocate to the OTH @ 6:42 PM for the Budget Hearing M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

J. Hotchkiss opened the public budget hearing @ 7:00 PM and turned the meeting over to Jeanette Haney from the budget committee.

J. Haney advised that there would be no changes made to the budget at this hearing.

K. Garry asked if meeting was adequately posted. It was posted in two locations and posted in the newspaper.

Pledge Recited.

J. Hotchkiss read warrant articles

- #1. Removed the School District positions.
- #2. Question on difference between budget committee and board of selectmen budget, difference is raises. Question was what falls under personnel administration- this is the insurances.
- #3. Question on firefighting equipment, line was overspent and BC still reduces the line. Contracted services were reduced due to only spending half of the previous year's budget. BC was under the impression that firefighting equipment was increased last year for a one time purchase. BC stated they did not receive any itemized list from the fire chief. Laura read aloud the itemized list from the fire chief.
- #4. Only difference in the highway budget is the salaries.
- #5. Question on the difference on the Health Agencies is \$500 more on the BC budget. Question on solid waste from this past year. Increase is from the contract will expire in July and the amount per tonnage could increase. Question on Welfare salary, BC recommended \$7500 and the BOS recommend \$7000. BC states their number in in error. Question is why the increase and how many hours does the welfare director work. Answer was 4-5 hours a week as needed. J. Haney states that the increase was for the additional home visits. Question is then the Director makes \$33.00 per hour. J. Hotchkiss stated it varies the hours. Question was why we are paying out less in welfare expense and have a welfare director who is needed more. When it was a

salary position it was \$3500 per month for approximately 8 hours a month. Why the increase? J. Hotchkiss stated there are not set hours for the director, it is as needed. Question if director will be returning soon. J. Hotchkiss spoke regarding the inability for her to get around at this time. So she will not return until ready.

- #6. L. Adamo spoke about the recreation committee line and how in the future is really needs to be increased. Currently the committee members spend a lot of their own money.
- #7. J. Hotchkiss spoke regarding how the Personnel Policy committee and how they completed the study on pay scales. Currently the town is under paying the employees. "For the first year" is to be taken out of the article.
- #8. J. Hotchkiss explained that in the past the land transfer was not completed. K. Garry agreed that both Boards are in agreement to transfer the land.
- #9. Question on to where the funds will go from cell tower. K. Garry asked if there is a specific infrastructure fund that can be named. Question on setting up a general infrastructure fund. Discussion had and decision to change the article to state" proceeds to go into the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund".
- #10. Question regarding the non-lapsing statement. Has there ever been a year where this has never been spent. Usually every year it is all spent.
- #11. Question on which trucks will be traded in. They are the 1995 and 1999 trucks that are parked out back. Change article to read "with related equipment".
- #12. Question on will this include removal of the existing. It will include all disposals.
- #13. Discussion on the name of this fund. Thoughts that it should read Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund. Research done and it was not found that the name should be change.
- #14. Discussion to change on to "along" various roads.
- #15. Question on how much money is in the Ambulance revolving fund. Approximately \$38,000, should some of this be used. Discussion was no due to the age of the ambulance.
- #16. Discussion on if this will ever become town forest again. Problem is putting a certain time frame on the change.
- #17. J. Hotchkiss explained what a single streamed recycling stands for. Single stream is one container for all recyclables. This price is through Waste Management.
- #18. No Discussion
- #19. Discussion on the name of the Capital Reserve Fund. This fund will be called Town of Middleton Capital Reserve Fund.
- #20. No Discussion
- #21. No Discussion

J. Savage wanted to re-visit article #1. The moderator term is incorrect and needs to be changed to one year.

J. Hotchkiss re-visits article #9. Asked why budget committee recommendation is listed, this is because this article will bring in revenue.

M. Stevens re-visits article #2, BC recommended amount for assessing is incorrect, Need to add \$828.00 to this figure. Total should be \$30,585.

J. Bailey motions to adjourn at 8:36, M. Schwarz seconds, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Parker, BOS Secretary